Shrotfall of coal in Gujarat

4790. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall of coal production in Gujarat;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(c)if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any effort has been made to assess annual estimate of coal production in the State for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) As per the available information, coal is not being mined / produced in Gujarat. However Gujarat produces some quantity of lignite. Lignite production in Gujarat during the year 1998-99 was 5.0 million tonnes and during 1999-2000, was 4.3 million tonnes (provisional).

Coal India Limited has been despatching around 16 million tonnes of coal per annum to various consumers in Gujarat.

Restructuring of CIL Subsidiaries

4791. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for restructuring Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries and other Corporation/PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals finalized / under consideration alongwith recent policy measures taken to improve performance of PSUs in Mining and Mineral Sector; and

(c) the details regarding performance review of PSUs for 1999-2000 in terms of MoUs signed / standard assessment norms PSU-wise and how does it compare with the performance profile for the previous two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND THE MINERALS (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) In July, 1996 certain measures were taken by the central government to restructure the capital base of Coal India Limited (CIL). These measures were (i) moratorium on repayment of outstanding interest free non-plan loan of Rs. 432.64 crores (owed by CIL to